

NEWS JOURNAL

Happy Holidays!

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Kelvyn H. Cullimore - Mayor

Thanks For Running For Office

Last month we elected those who will represent us in the halls of government at the county, state, and national levels. I am grateful for each candidate who offered his/her time and talents to serve. In an environment where it is easy to sit by, be cynical, and question the motives of any and all politicians, those who ran for office voluntarily, left the sidelines and got in the game. Each asked for the bull's eye to be pinned on his or her back. They willingly stood up to be counted. I applaud the courage and the sincere commitment to public service displayed by all candidates.

Cottonwood Heights experienced a significant turnover in elected officials representing various areas of our city. Some have been starters on the political team for years but lost their position to a challenger. As Mayor, I have considered it a privilege to work with these elected officials and wish to publicly thank them for their significant service. Our birth as a city occurred with much assistance from these individuals, and our success has been nurtured by them from the start.

Senator Carlene Walker faithfully represented her constituents in the Senate for the past eight years. She also served on the city incorporation committee and helped pass important legislation that was essential to our successful start-up as a city. Her work on legislation to protect consumers from ID theft and to provide means whereby cities can create new school districts will be a lasting legacy. Thanks to Senator Walker.

Speaker Greg Curtis, although at times a lightning rod for criticism, was always sensitive to and helpful with the needs of the City. As Speaker, he was able to help guide important legislation that was financially beneficial to the city and resulted in our ability to recapture tax dollars held by the County, to qualify for grants, and to protect other key interests of Cottonwood Heights residents. Thanks to Speaker Curtis.

Representative Mark Walker and his successor, Brian Monsen, also represented part of the city. Representative Walker carried legislation for the city and supported important bills that were helpful to us. We appreciated the professional way in which both representatives listened to our needs and worked for the benefit of the city. Thanks to Representatives Walker and Monsen.

Councilman Mark Crockett represented part of Cottonwood Heights on the County Council. His business acumen was a key element in providing good financial management to the County. Councilman Crockett worked diligently to advocate the position of Cottonwood Heights with the County Council. He was a vigorous supporter of self-determination and local control. His assistance to the city was invaluable. Thanks to Councilman Crockett.

Councilman Marv Hendrickson represented the other part of Cottonwood Heights on the County Council. He chose to retire after many years of service. After the battle with the County over our incorporation, Marv was the only County representative to attend our election celebration party. Thanks to Councilman Hendrickson.

We will now have some new faces representing Cottonwood Heights, along with former Representative Karen Morgan who is now a Senator. Senator Morgan, through her years of service as a Representative from Cottonwood Heights, has been very committed to supporting city issues. She participated with the incorporation committee, helped to carry and enact legislation critical to

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For the planning commission agenda call 944-7004

For details about the agendas, check our web site:
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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE VALLEY JOURNAL

The City of Cottonwood Heights is grateful to the Valley Journal and to our city reporter, Stephanie Archibald, for the coverage they provide our city. Virtually every month we have an article on the front page of the paper that features significant happenings within our city. The creation of CHPD, Butlerville Days festivities, the on-going saga of the new school district, awards received by the city, all have been front page stories during this past year.

The Valley Journal is an important part of our community with its news articles on the city, members of the community, city businesses, high school events, etc. All of these articles

help to knit the community into a cohesive unit from which residents benefit. It also provides a source for local merchants to advertise their products and services and it does occasional feature stories on those who we rely on to purchase the goods and services we need.

This time of year the citizens of Cottonwood Heights have opportunity to support city businesses and the Valley Journal by shopping locally. Everyone benefits from money spent within our city. The city benefits from the sales tax revenue that is critical in financing the city. The merchants benefit from a high volume of business in their stores. The citizens benefit by

doing their business in stores that are near. The Valley Journal benefits when its advertising pages reap results and benefits for the merchants and when it provides the information that helps to make us a community.

SHOP LOCALLY THIS YEAR
– WE ALL BENEFIT!!!





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the success of the city, sponsored key legislation to enable the formation of the new school district, and has been very considerate of city leadership. Congratulations Senator Morgan. We look forward to working with her and Senator Pat Jones, newly elected Minority Leader, who also represents Cottonwood Heights.

Three new members of the House of Representatives now represent Cottonwood Heights: Representative Marie Poulson, Representative Jay Seegmiller, and Representative Laura Black. All three have worked very hard to earn the trust of their constituents. All three are committed to serving their constituents well. Congratulations to each; we look forward to working together in representing the citizens of Cottonwood Heights on Capitol Hill.

Jani Iwamoto and Max Burdick are newly elected to represent Cottonwood Heights on the County Council. With many important County issues on the horizon, we are most anxious to work closely with them. Congratulations to Councilwoman Iwamoto and Councilman Burdick.

I express appreciation also to Jaren Davis, a long time resident of Cottonwood Heights, who ran

unsuccessfully for Karen Morgan's open seat. After months of campaigning, it is an empty feeling to lose. Nevertheless, I believe I join with many others who thank Jaren for his willingness to add to the public dialog.

The City Council met with virtually every candidate prior to the election to get better acquainted. We found them all to be genuine, sincere, and eager to serve. After the election, we hosted a luncheon for the elected officials to discuss City priorities.

Running for any public office is not for the faint of heart. It takes hard work, a thick skin, financial resources, and a true desire to render public service. It is a costly endeavor for most that rely on the generosity of supporters to help fund their effort. I am deeply appreciative of all who hold themselves out for public office. While it is not a financially rewarding endeavor, rendering true public service can be a most fulfilling personal experience. Thanks to all who were candidates in this election year. Regardless of whether they won or lost, they helped make our city a better place. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their efforts.

"KARING FOR UTAH KIDS"

sets Dec. 13 Santa fundraiser



Saturday, Dec. 13, from noon to 4 p.m. is set for you and your kids to meet with Santa. He will be available for photos at The Wentworth of Cottonwood Heights, 6895 South Whitmore Way (2220 East). Other activities will include games for kids and grandkids and opportunity to purchase handmade items for Christmas gifts.

The festivities are designed to raise funds for various youth oriented charities and to provide fun for all who attend. One hundred percent of proceeds will go to benefit: Candlelighter for Childhood Cancer, Trauma Awareness & Treatment Center, and Foundation for Children and

Youth with Diabetes.

The event is sponsored for the 8th year by Karing for Kids, who in previous years have raised enough money to send many children to Diabetes and Cancer camps, assisted families with Sub for Santa, donated bears and blankets, and brought much happiness to many of the residents at the Wentworth Assisted Living Center.

Participation in the fund-raising event can be done by donating toys and gifts, providing handmade items to sell at the event, and cash donations. Additional detail is available at www.utahkids.org.

CANYONS SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The new Canyons School District is taking shape now that Superintendent David Doty, J.D., Ph.D., and the newly elected school board have taken the reins. Days are filled with planning and interaction with various stakeholders. Most of the activity now going on is below the radar of public observation and the results will be revealed periodically. Each day the July 1, 2009 takeover date moves closer; and additional "To Do" items are being removed from and added to the list. Of major import at this time is the anticipated arbitration to resolve the division of liabilities and assets between the two remaining districts.

The three arbitrators have been chosen, with each new district selecting one person and those two selecting a third. Presentations by the two

new districts and subsequent analysis by the Arbitration Team, will begin in early December. The decisions are to be issued before the legislature convenes on Monday, January 26, 2009. Once those decisions are rendered, the district will know what physical assets it has and what financial obligations it will have to meet and when. With that information, the planning will become more specific and some priorities may change. In the meantime, Canyons School District continues to pursue the goals outlined by Dr. Doty when he was first hired and met with the elected officials of the cities and county who are part of the new district. Those goals are:

1. Creation of a world-class learning system that is student focused and will be seen as a "lighthouse" of education excellence

2. Attraction and retention of the brightest and best talent available to teach, administer, and facilitate the new district
3. Constant pursuit of forging consensus in the direction the new district should take

These are worthy goals and all members of the new Canyons School District can optimistically anticipate being part of a great new experiment in public education.



FYI

The old Bookmobile sitting near the CERT trailer on the city office parking lot is the first acquisition in use of FEMA grant funds to create a mobile emergency communication system. It will be outfitted to be used as a Mobile Technology Vehicle (MTV) and will be available for use during disasters that take out existing communication systems. Once operational, the MTV (Bookmobile) will be parked next to the Emergency Management Center and will facilitate communications with those in the field and with those providing assistance in rescue, clean-up, other services as needed.



NAMES IN THE NEWS

Brad Gilson - The Cottonwood Heights’ City Engineer has been elected Vice-Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The Regional Council is responsible for the distribution of grant funds to be used by local governments in addressing the capital needs of their jurisdictions. The Technical Advisory Committee reviews grant requests for technical accuracy and feasibility.

David W. Lawrie - Mr. Lawrie recently published his first novel, at 86 years of age. In it he recounts his experiences as

a 19 year old soldier in WW II, shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. “Boy of the Greatest” was penned by Mr. Lawrie following quadruple by-pass surgery during which he had to be resuscitated. “After that,” he said, “all the war memories came back to me. I was having nightmares and the only way I could get them to stop was to start writing.” Mr. Lawrie was featured in an article in the October issue of the Cottonwood-Holladay Journal. His book is available at all major retail and internet booksellers.

Randy Jepperson – Randy is a Cottonwood Heights’ resident

who works for Salt Lake County Government. He is the Housing Manager for the county and recently received the “Bureaucrat of the Year” award from the Utah Housing Coalition. The Housing Coalition is a volunteer group of housing professionals that provide training and networking opportunities to those that work to see that housing is available to all residents of Salt Lake County. They were involved in our city in 2006 - 07 with the Meadows Mobile Home Park relocation effort.

Takami Kowalski – This young man has received a singular

honor in being selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars. As a junior at Hillcrest High School, Takami carries a 4.0 gpa while taking AP, and IB courses. His accomplishment was noted in the October issue of the Cottonwood-Holladay Journal, which discusses this honor in more detail. He is featured in Names in the News as a way for his city to recognize this unique accomplishment.

SNOW REMOVAL

Whether snow is effectively removed from the streets is up to you. Please remove your car from the street following every snow storm. This year, be part of the solution, not part of the problem.



When it snows more than two inches, day or night, please remove your car from the street immediately so the snowplows can get through and remove snow from edge to edge.



UTA gives Cottonwood Heights bus riders a Christmas Gift

On Dec. 14, UTA bus service will be extended through Cottonwood Heights on Highland Drive. Every 20 minutes the route 220 bus will make stops in the city on with a southbound destination of the 9400 South Park and Ride in Sandy and northbound to the University of Utah, then into downtown Salt Lake City.

This is a major improvement in the service to Cottonwood Heights during the past year. This bus previously turned at 6400 south and was inconvenient for most residents of the city. The extended route opens up a realistic transportation option for those living along the Highland Drive corridor or who can walk or drive to one of the 14 bus stops going north and south along that route.

The scheduled bus stops are:

<u>Southbound</u>	<u>Northbound</u>
6800 South	6827 South
7050 South	7069 South
7220 South	No Stop
7430 South	7411 South
7796 South	7817 South
8070 South	8087 South
8620 South	8633 South



Emergency Preparedness Tip for December

Having thorough knowledge of the utility controls in one's home is critical in the event of an emergency. As part of your emergency preparedness exercise: ASK YOURSELF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Do I know how to turn the electricity on and off?
- Do I know how to turn the natural gas off?
- How about the water main outside my home and the shut-off valve inside; do I know where these valves are and what tools I may need to operate them?
- Could I open or close , or even find, the air vents in my home?

It's just as important to "Plan Ahead" in knowing about these utility controls as it is to know where the 72 hour kit is. And yes, tools will be necessary. Try to turn off the natural gas at the meter or the water, at the main, without tools.

Ask yourself also: "Can I handle these tasks with only a flashlight?" Utility control should be an important page in your Family Emergency Preparedness Plan.



CHPD UPDATE – CHPD Is Everywhere –

Not many residents of the city haven't heard someone say, "I see cops everywhere. Every time I turn around, there's a police officer." All city council members and most city employees have received similar comments. The natural questions are: Why are so many officers on the streets? Why is response time so short? Do we have twice as many officers as we did before?

Community Policing

The facts are: Cottonwood Heights has four more officers than it had before creating its own police force. There are three officers assigned to patrol duty at any given time. At shift changes, that number jumps to six for a period of time. Some of the results of having police officers patrolling the streets of Cottonwood Heights as scheduled throughout the day are: As of October 31 of this year, the Cottonwood Heights' police had made 30 DUI arrests (compared with 23 such arrests in all of last year). The supply of OxyContin has dried up at Brighton High School as a result of recent arrests. The accused are being charged with first degree felonies. The vandals that were damaging cars throughout the county by throwing large rocks were recently arrested by Cottonwood Heights police officers

(they will be charged). A man who has been arrested for "peeping" at young women in both Davis and Salt Lake Counties. Previous occurrences have resulted in minor penalties. After being caught at Brighton High School by our city police, he is being charged with an offense that will keep him off the streets for a while.

In addition to protecting us from vandals, drug dealers, sexual deviants, and others that would harm us and/or our children, CHPD is actively involved in helping others and promoting activities that will enhance the quality of life in our community.



Sub-for-Santa

The city's annual SUB FOR SANTA project is a CHPD project this year. Plans are under way to make it bigger and better than the previous three years. For a young city, our Sub-for-Santa program has proved very successful by helping many families and individuals, in addition to supplying many gifts and financial aid to groups such as "The Road Home" in past years. Time is now of the essence, so those of you who are interested in being part of

DECEMBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The December meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Dec. 2**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Dec. 9**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, Dec. 16**
NO COUNCIL MEETING
- **Tuesday, Dec. 23**
NO COUNCIL MEETING
- **Tuesday, Dec. 30**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting



Rx Drop-off Box

A CHPD program that has already proved successful is the pharmaceutical drop-off box that has been installed in the CHPD office. The accompanying photo shows the number of prescription drugs that have been disposed in the proper way, rather than by flushing down the toilet, or leaving them around the house with the possibility that a child or a mentally challenged family member can access them and do harm to themselves. All residents of the city have opportunity to clean out their medicine cabinets and get rid of those pills that were not all

taken as prescribed, or have become outdated, or no one can remember why they were perscribed. After sitting for a long time, many pills can become dangerous due to chemical interaction. They can be especially dangerous if ingested. Bring them to the PD during regular working hours, Monday – Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., and drop them in the big blue deposit box. Then, when the box is about full, a police officer and office personnel will empty the box, and send the prescriptions to where they can be burned. This will not only keep them from harming your family members, but also keep them out of the water supply and thus lessen the possibility of harm to many.

K-9 Unit

It will also be of interest to many to know that CHPD has a K-9 Unit consisting of two dogs and their handlers. These police personnel train on a regular schedule with other K-9 Units in the valley and are ready for assignment whenever called upon to help find drugs, lost children, fugitives, etc. A more detailed discussion of this special unit will appear in a future Journal. Our police department is a significant asset to the community and the operational cost of training, equipping, and maintaining the 39 officers and civilian personnel is substantially less than the city was paying for services prior to the creation of CHPD.